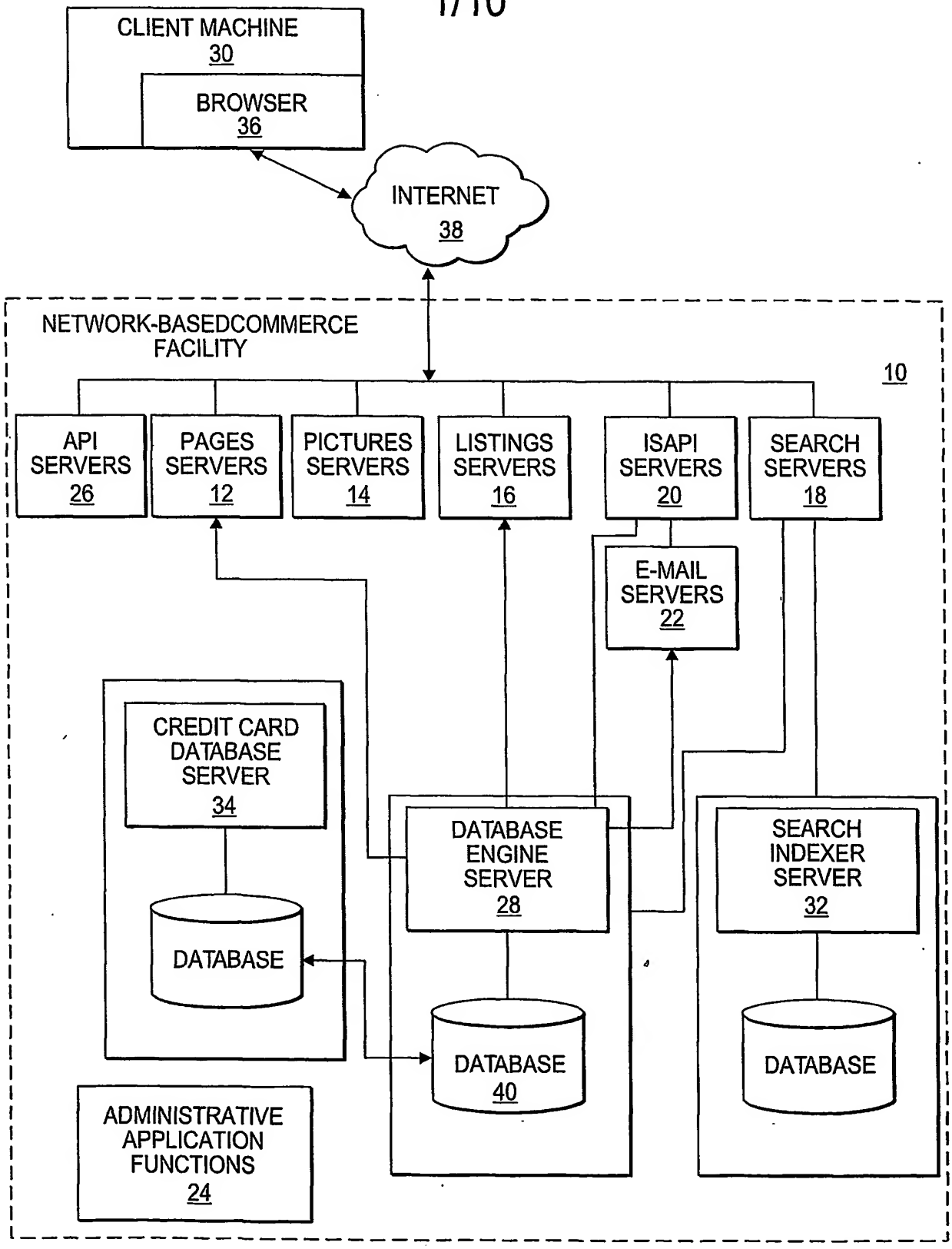
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INTERNET
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API SERVERS
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PAGES SERVERS
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PICTURES SERVERS
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LISTINGS SERVERS
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ISAPI SERVERS
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SEARCH SERVERS
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22
CREDIT CARD DATABASE SERVER
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DATABASE
DATABASE ENGINE SERVER
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DATABASE
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SEARCH INDEXER SERVER
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DATABASE
ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION FUNCTIONS
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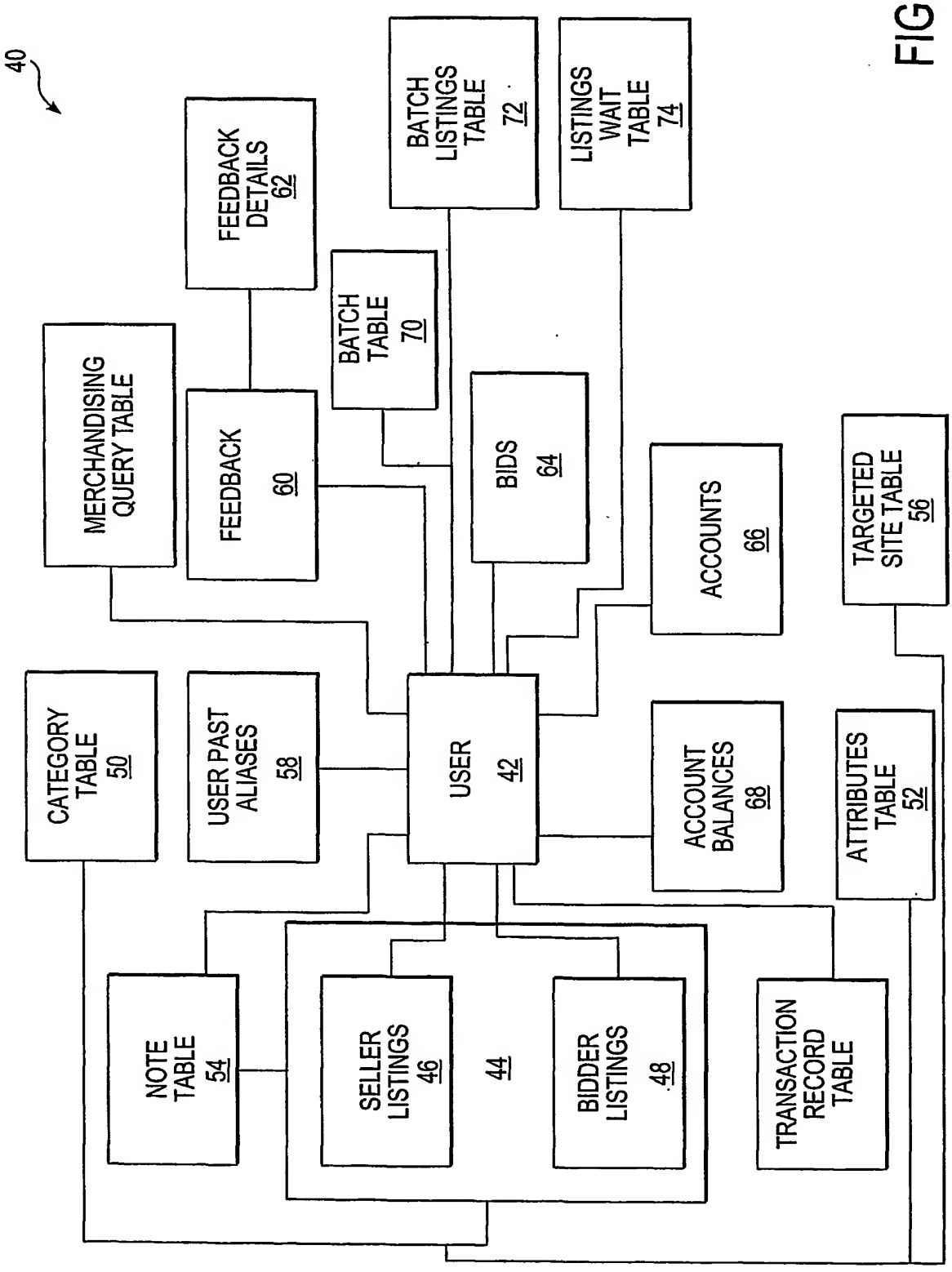
FIG. 1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FEEDBACK DETAILS 62
BATCH LISTINGS TABLE 72
LISTINGS WAIT TABLE 74
BATCH TABLE 70
MERCHANDISING QUERY TABLE
FEEDBACK 60
BIDS 64
ACCOUNTS 66
TARGETED SITE TABLE 56
CATEGORY TABLE 50
USER PAST ALIASES 58
USER 42
ACCOUNT BALANCES 68
ATTRIBUTES TABLE 52
NOTE TABLE 54
SELLER LISTINGS 46
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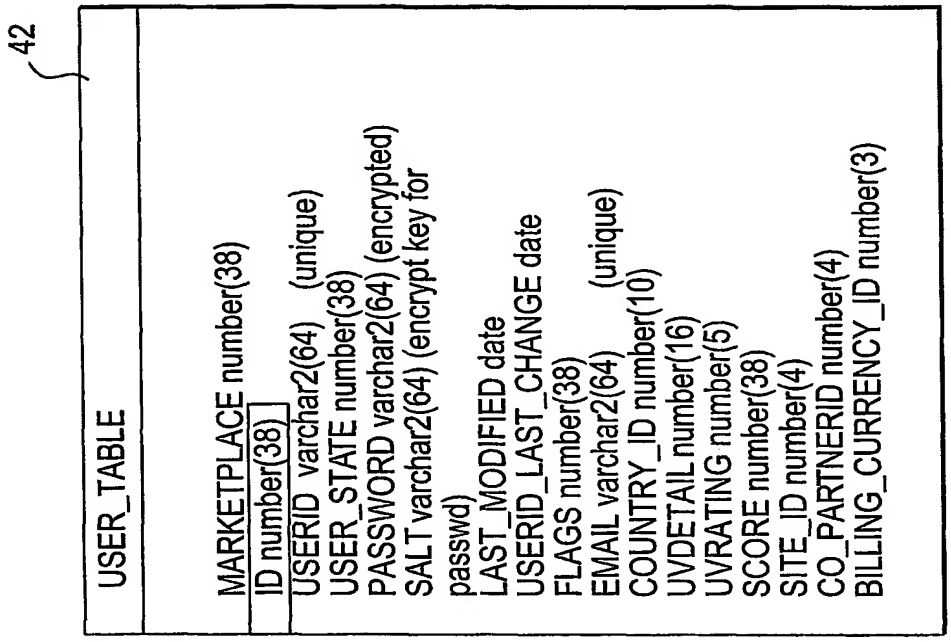
BIDDER LISTINGS 48
TRANSACTION RECORD TABLE

FIG. 2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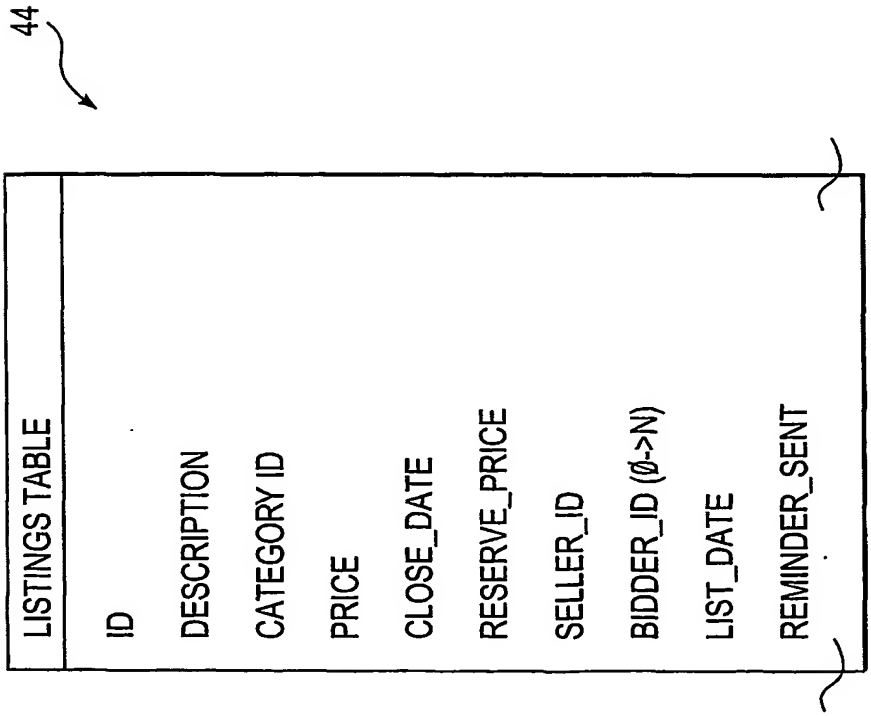
USER_TABLE
MARKETPLACE number(38)
ID number(38)
USERID varchar2(64) (unique)
USER_STATE number(38)
PASSWORD varchar2(64) (encrypted)
SALT varchar2(64) (encrypt key for passwd)
LAST_MODIFIED date
USERID_LAST_CHANGE date
FLAGS number(38)
EMAIL varchar2(64) (unique)
COUNTRY_ID number(10)
UVDETAIL number(16)
UVRATING number(5)
SCORE number(38)
SITE_ID number(4)
CO_PARTNERID number(4)
BILLING_CURRENCY_ID number(3)

FIG. 3B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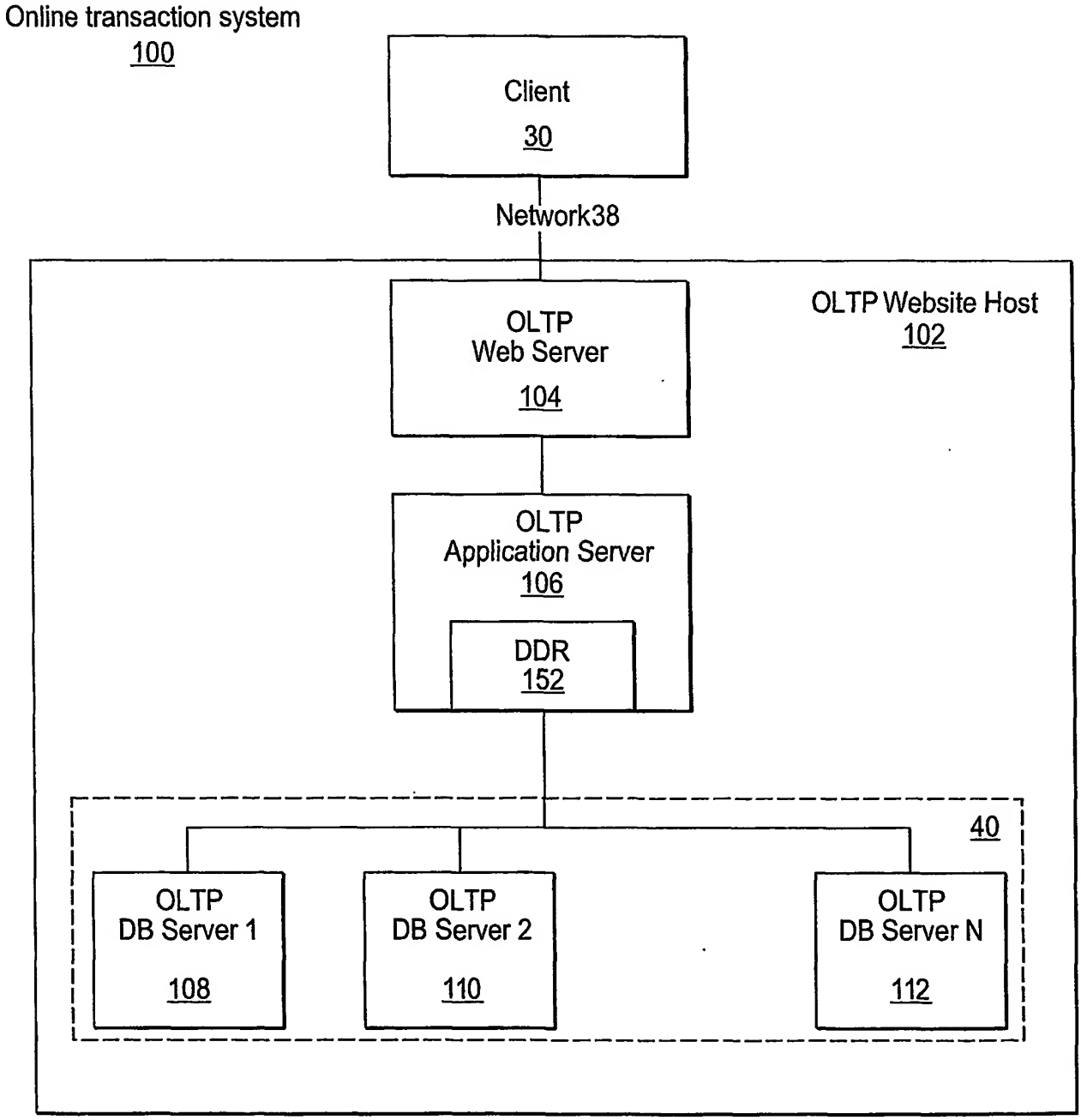
LISTINGS TABLE
ID
DESCRIPTION
CATEGORY ID
PRICE
CLOSE_DATE
RESERVE_PRICE
SELLER_ID
BIDDER_ID (∅->N)
LIST_DATE
REMINDER_SENT

FIG. 3A


Online transaction system
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Client
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Network38
OLTP Website Host
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OLTP
Web Server
104
OLTP
Application Server
106
DDR
152
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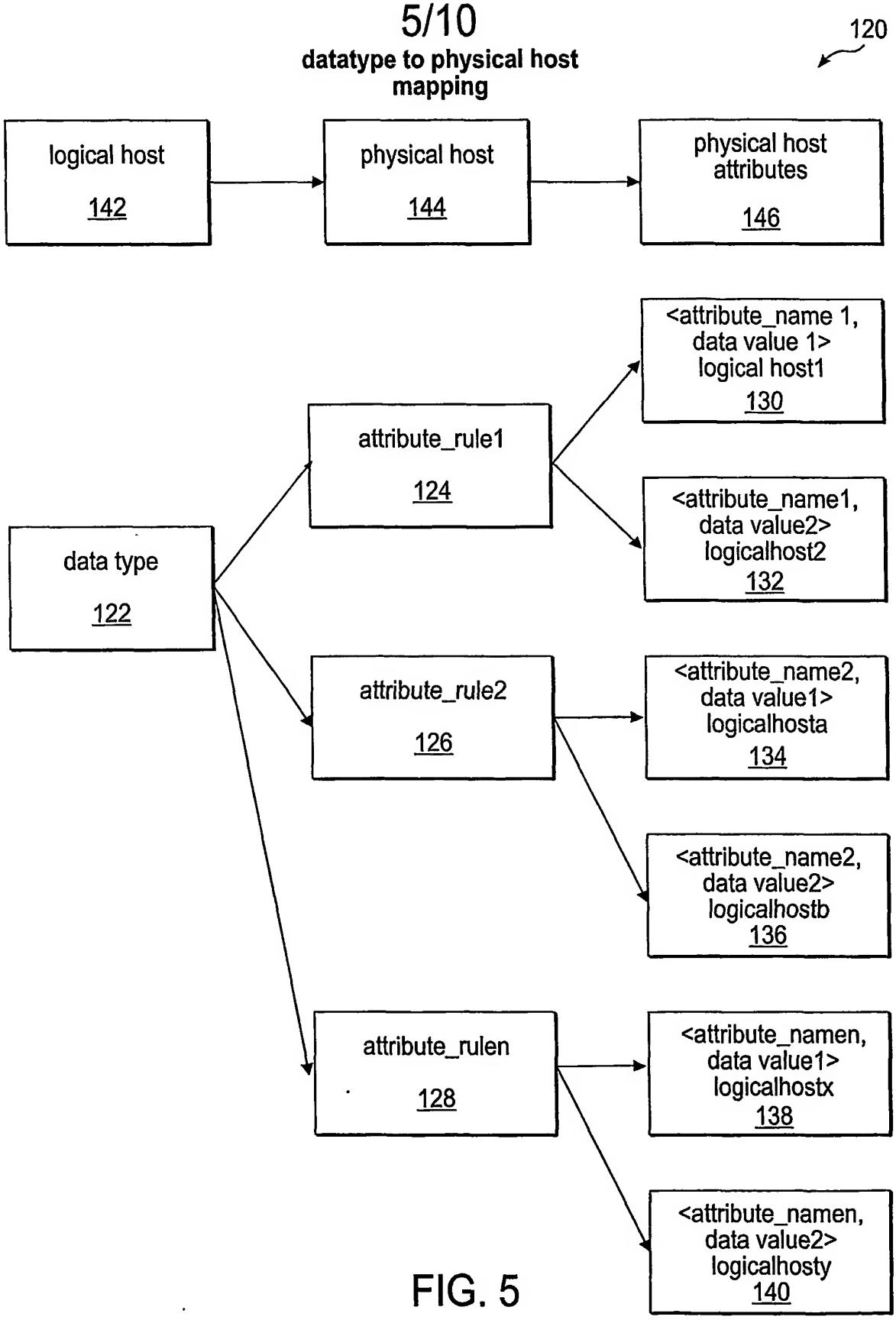
OLTP
DB Server 1
108
OLTP
DB Server 2
110
OLTP
DB Server N
112

FIG. 4


datatype to physical host mapping
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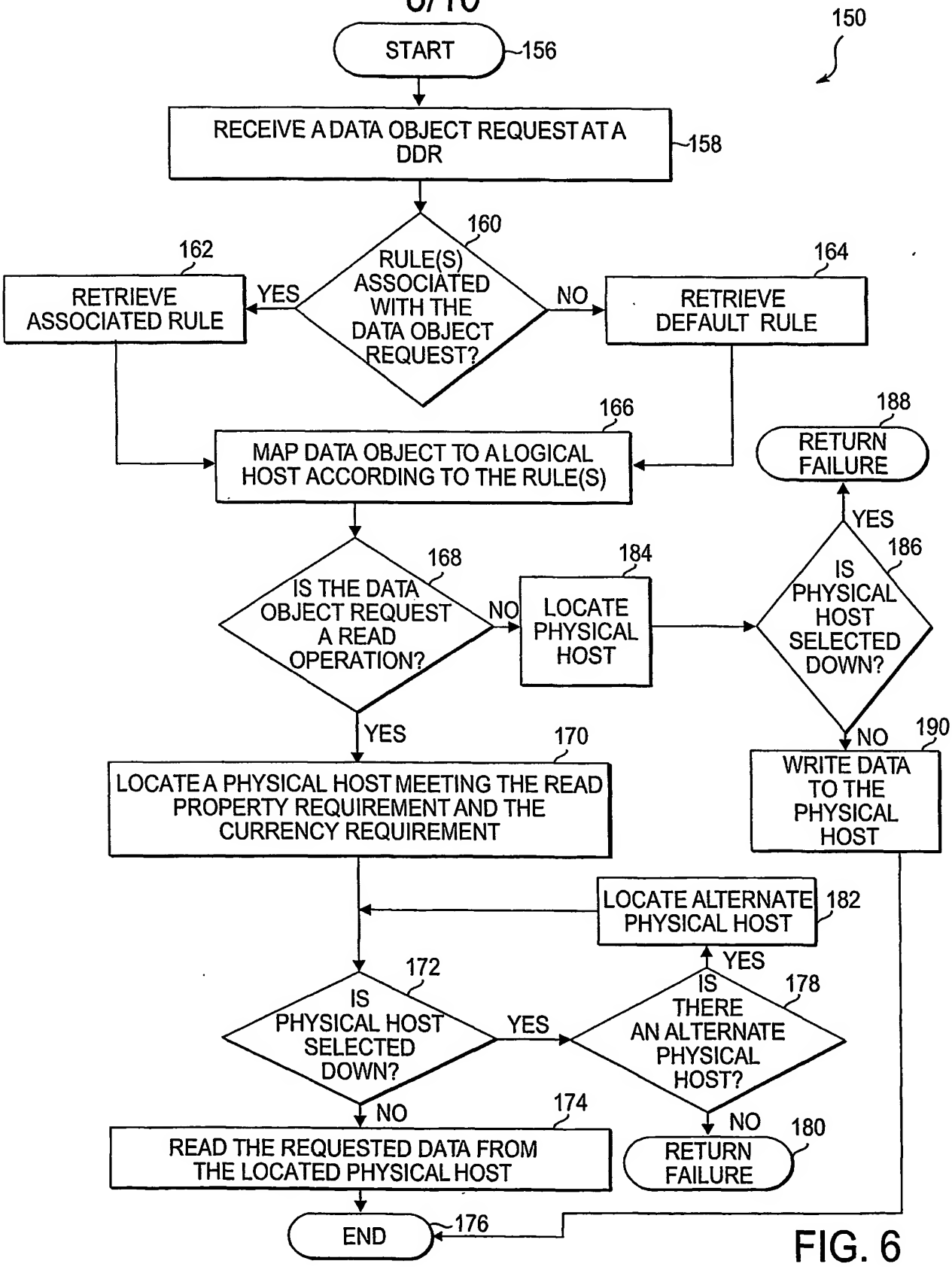
logical host
142
physical host
144
physical host attributes
146
data type
122
attribute_rule1
124
attribute_rule2
126
attribute_rulen
128
<attribute_name 1, data value 1> logical host1
130
<attribute_name1, data value2> logicalhost2
132
<attribute_name2, data value1> logicalhosta
134
<attribute_name2, data value2> logicalhostb
136
<attribute_namen, data value1> logicalhostx
138
<attribute_namen, data value2> logicalhosty
140

FIG. 5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START
156
RECEIVE A DATA OBJECT REQUEST AT A DDR
158
RULE(S) ASSOCIATED WITH THE DATA OBJECT REQUEST?
160
YES
NO
162
RETRIEVE ASSOCIATED RULE
164
RETRIEVE DEFAULT RULE
MAP DATA OBJECT TO A LOGICAL HOST ACCORDING TO THE RULE(S)
166
IS THE DATA OBJECT REQUEST A READ OPERATION?
168
NO
184
LOCATE PHYSICAL HOST
YES
IS PHYSICAL HOST SELECTED DOWN?
186
YES
188
RETURN FAILURE
NO
190
WRITE DATA TO THE PHYSICAL HOST
LOCATE A PHYSICAL HOST MEETING THE READ PROPERTY REQUIREMENT AND THE CURRENCY REQUIREMENT
170
LOCATE ALTERNATE PHYSICAL HOST
182
IS PHYSICAL HOST SELECTED DOWN?
172
YES
IS THERE AN ALTERNATE PHYSICAL HOST?
178
YES
NO
NO
174
READ THE REQUESTED DATA FROM THE LOCATED PHYSICAL HOST
RETURN FAILURE
180
END
176

FIG. 6

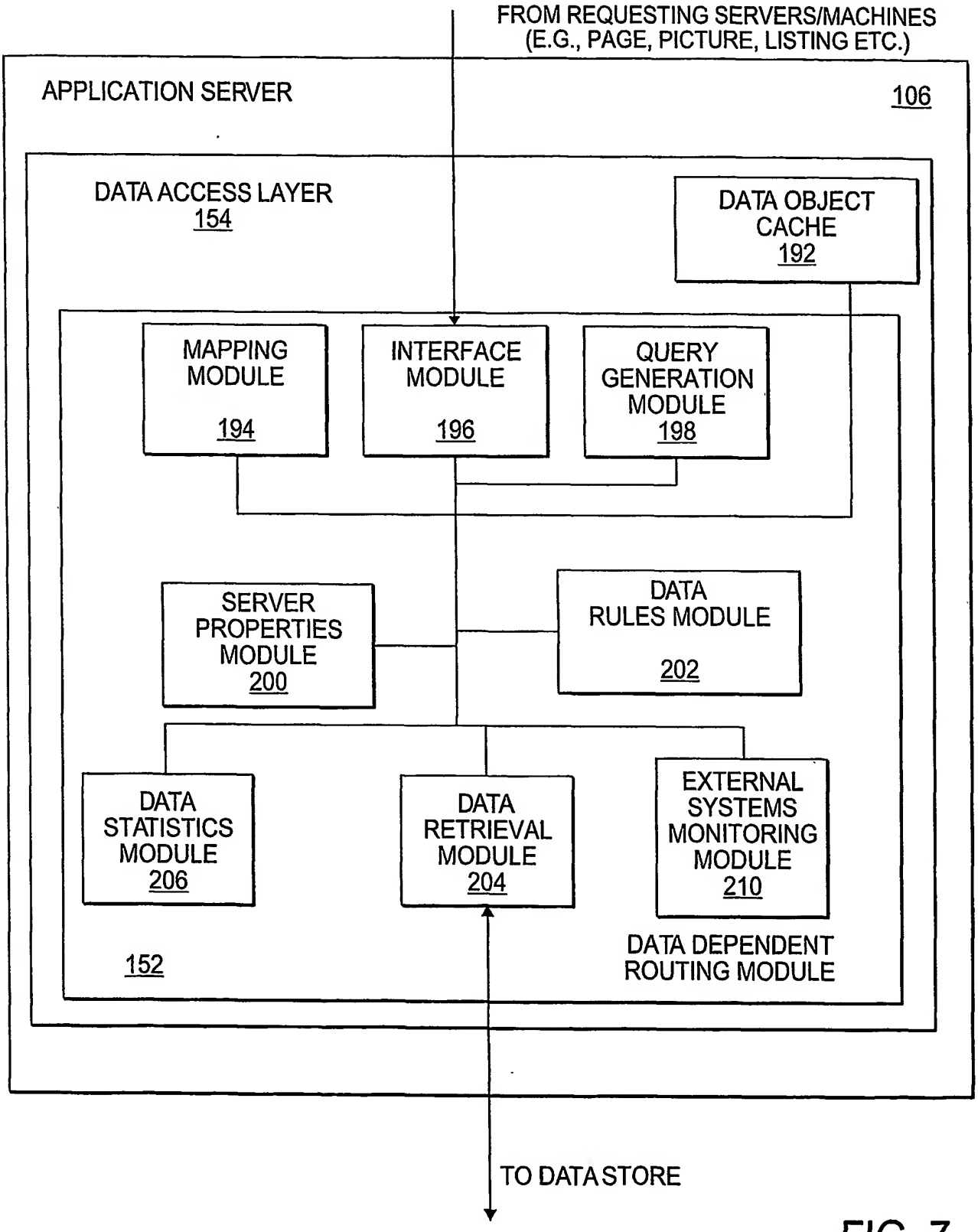
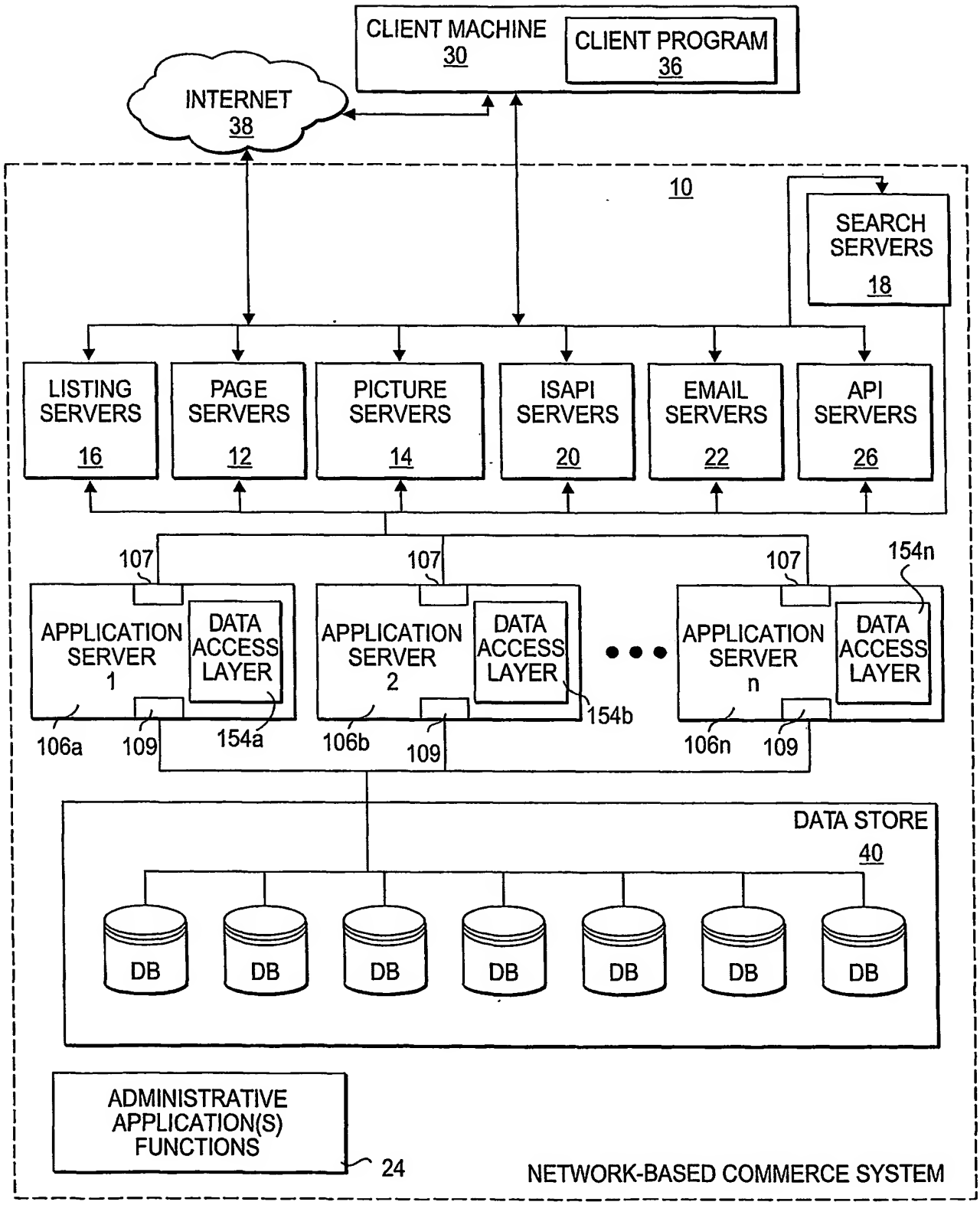

FROM REQUESTING SERVERS/MACHINES
(E.G., PAGE, PICTURE, LISTING ETC.)
APPLICATION SERVER
106
DATA ACCESS LAYER
154
DATA OBJECT CACHE
192
MAPPING MODULE
194
INTERFACE MODULE
196
QUERY GENERATION MODULE
198
SERVER PROPERTIES MODULE
200
DATA RULES MODULE
202
DATA STATISTICS MODULE
206
DATA RETRIEVAL MODULE
204
EXTERNAL SYSTEMS MONITORING MODULE
210
152
DATA DEPENDENT ROUTING MODULE
TO DATA STORE

FIG. 7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API SERVERS
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107
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154n
APPLICATION SERVER 1
DATA ACCESS LAYER
APPLICATION SERVER 2
DATA ACCESS LAYER
154b
APPLICATION SERVER n
DATA ACCESS LAYER
106a
109
154a
106b
109
106n
109
DATA STORE
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DB
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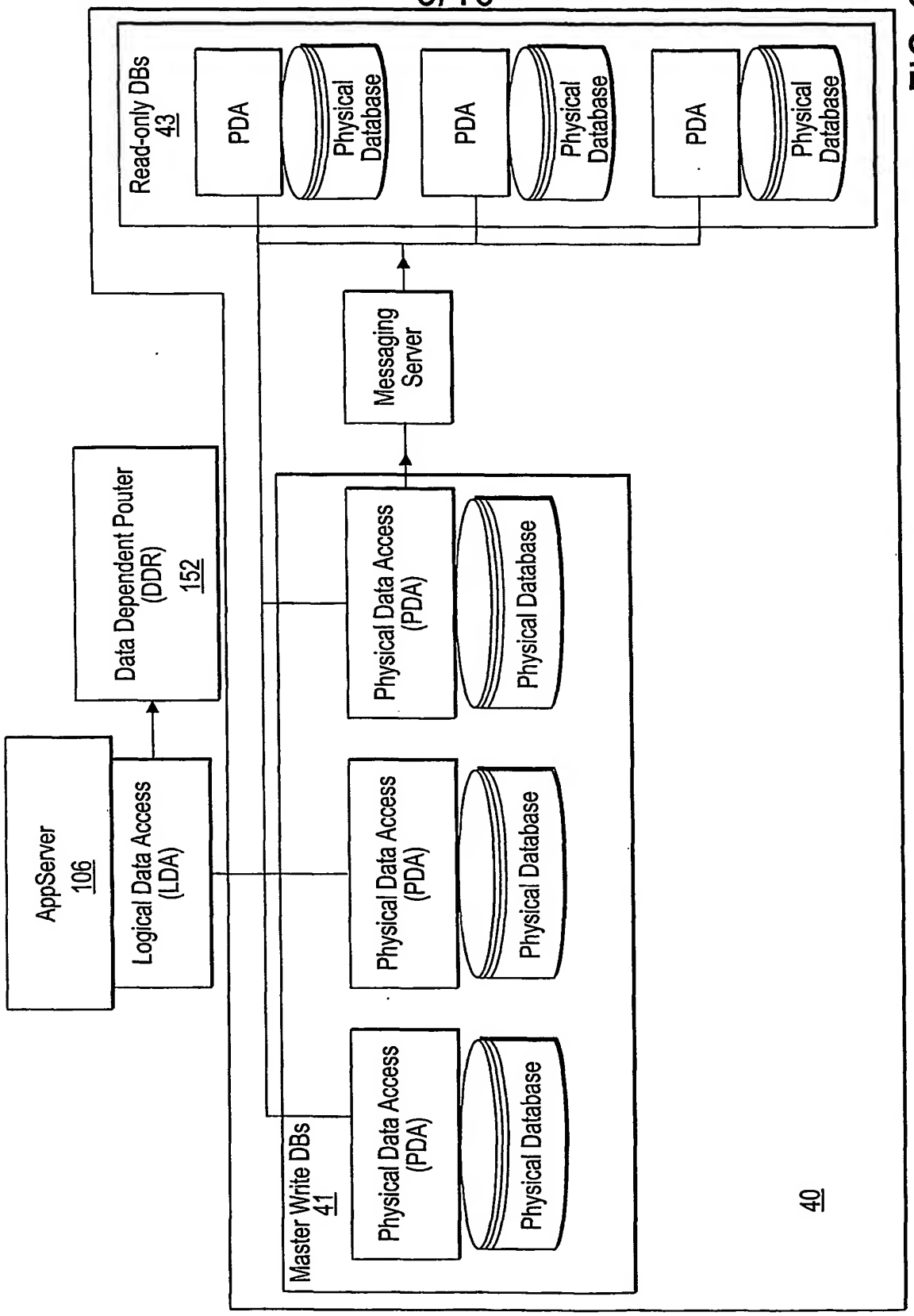
FIG. 8


Read-only DBs
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PDA
Physical Database
PDA
Physical Database
PDA
Physical Database
Messaging Server
Data Dependent Pouter (DDR)
152
Physical Data Access (PDA)
Physical Database
AppServer
106
Logical Data Access (LDA)
Physical Data Access (PDA)
Physical Database
Physical Data Access (PDA)
Physical Database
Master Write DBs
41
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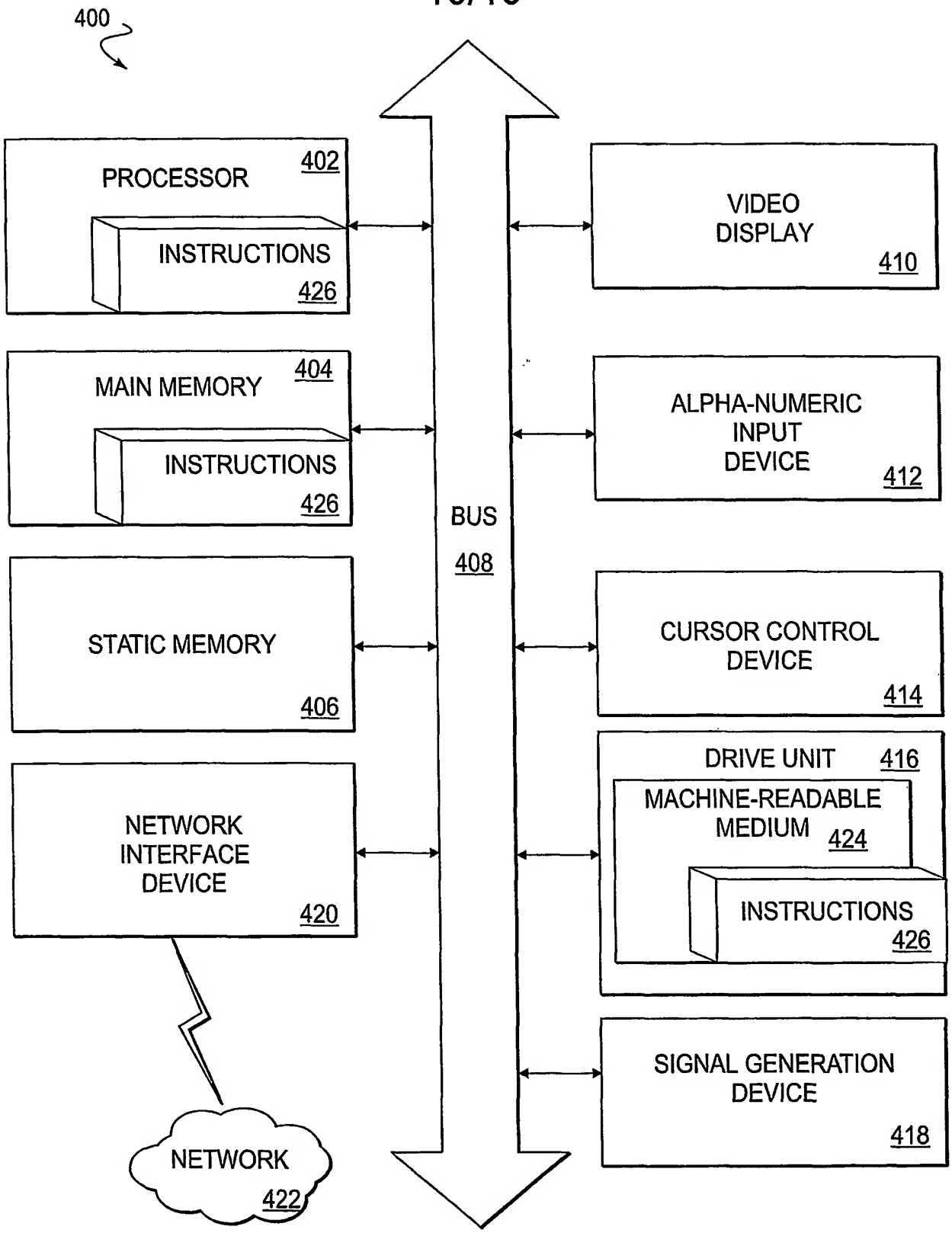
FIG. 9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INSTRUCTIONS
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MAIN MEMORY
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INSTRUCTIONS
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STATIC MEMORY
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NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE
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NETWORK
422
BUS
408
VIDEO DISPLAY
410
ALPHA-NUMERIC INPUT DEVICE
412
CURSOR CONTROL DEVICE
414
DRIVE UNIT
416
MACHINE-READABLE MEDIUM
424
INSTRUCTIONS
426
SIGNAL GENERATION DEVICE
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FIG.10